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1. CONTINUATION OF PROGRAM BUDGET REVIEW. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS.

A. CANCER. DG PROPOSED AND OBTAINED APPROVAL FOR APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR AUJALEU AS CONSULTANT TO REVIEW IARC MEMBERSHIP AND CLOSER INTEGRATION OF CANCER PROGRAMS IN WHO BETWEEN HEADQUARTERS AND IARC.

B. PHARMACEUTICALS. SEVERAL LDCS COMPLAINED ABOUT HIGH COST OF DRUGS NEEDED FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS. DR. FATTO-RUSSO (SECRETARIAT) SAID THAT SHORT LIST OF 150 ESSENTIAL DRUGS DEVELOPED FOR TREATING MAJOR DISEASES IN VARIOUS LDCS. TWO PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED: 1) IMMEDIATE SUPPLIES NEEDED IN LDCS; 2) LONG-TERM NEEDS WHICH WOULD REQUIRE A DEGREE OF LDC SELF-RELIANCE. DDG LAMBO EMPHASIZED IMPROVING LIAISON WITH MULTI-NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY.

C. 1978 BUDGET LEVEL. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION BROUGHT PROPOSAL FROM DG MAHLER TO SAVE \$70,000 FROM NEW UNCLASSIFIED

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PUBLICATION PROJECT AND \$#600,000 FROM VIRTUALLY CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO PHC CONFERENCE, THUS REDUCING BUDGET LEVEL BY \$670,000. USSR EXPRESSED RESENTMENT AT FREQUENT LINKING OF PHC CONFERENCE TO BUDGET LEVEL. DG REJECTED THIS INFERENCE.

D. REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT: DURING FULL DAY SATURDAY

SESSION, REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPORTS WERE PRESENTED AND
DISCUSSED. ONLY MAJOR ITEM WAS FURTHER REFERENCE BY
WHO'S EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGIONAL OFFICE TO HIGH
COST OF PHARMACEUTICALS AMOUNTING TO AS MUCH AS 30 PERCENT
OF SOME NATIONAL HEALTH BUDGETS.

E. WESTERN PACIFIC REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR STATED
THAT TO DATE NO CONTACTS ESTABLISHED WITH CAMBODIA.
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